

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9, and 19 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1, 8, and 9 being independent. Claims 1, 8, and 9 have been amended herein.

The drawings were objected to for including reference numerals 82 and 83, which were not used in the specification. The disclosure was objected to for an alleged lack of description of the elements denoted by references numerals 82 and 83. Without conceding the propriety of these objections, Applicants have amended the specification at pages 18-20 to include a clearer description of the color temperature conversion matrix calculating unit 82 and the data storage unit for calculating color temperature conversion matrix 83. The changes to the specification are believed to be supported by the original disclosure and do not constitute new matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings and disclosure are requested.

Claims 1, 3-9, and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. More particularly, it was questioned whether generating a second conversion condition based on white information of the second illuminating light was supported in the original specification. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, independent claims 1, 8, and 9 have been amended to recite, inter alia, that the second conversion condition is generated “based on color temperature information of the second illuminating light”. Support for these features can be found at page 19, lines 12-16 of the original specification, which states “matrix CT


corresponding to the information (for example XYZ stimulation values) relating to the arbitrary color temperature and given from the lighting characteristic coefficient instructing unit 64.” Since the features of the claims are supported by the original specification, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112 rejection are requested.

Claim 9 was objected to for the wording in its preamble. This claim has been amended to include much of the language proposed by the Examiner. Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

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